(b) whether it is also a fact that insanitation and lack of other essential facilities discourage the tourists to frequently visit these places and recommend other to visit them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what remedial action Government propose to take to improve the sanitation and other problems at these caves?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (d) The caves at Ajanta, Ellora and Elephanta are included in the world Heritage list and are maintained as per archaeological principles by the Archaeological Survey of India.

Day to day cleaning, sweeping of the caves is carried out regularly. New toilet blocks have been constructed at Ajanta Caves and Ellora Caves, water cooler have been provided at Ajanta caves and Ellora caves for providing drinking water to visitors. There is acute shortage of water at Elephanta Caves. Rain water collected during rainy seanson is stored in a rock cut cistern and the same is supplied to tourist throughout the year after properly treating it. The toilet block at Elephanta caves is damaged due to land slide and is under repairs but toilet facilities are available at Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation centre adjacent to the monument. Conservation of these caves is carried out as per advise of experts in the field of conservation. The conservation of Ajanta and Ellora caves is included in the Ajanta-Ellora conservation and tourism Development project which is under implementation with loan funds obtained from O.E.C.F. Japan.

Representation Regarding the Problem Being Faced by The CGHS Units in Delhi

1895. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI NARESH YADAV:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation regarding the problem being faced by the CGHS units of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy in Delhi from 1st January, 1995 till date;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to upgrade the standards of CGHS units of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy by providing para-medical staff in it; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) CGHS has been receiving representations from different Associations regarding upgradation of the existing units under Indian System of Medicine/Homoeopathy to dispensaries.

Due to constraints of reasources, CGHS are opening only units in place of dispensaries in respect of Homoeopathic and Indian Systems of Medicines.

Payment of Higher Price for Caribjet Wet Lease

1896. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take action against the officials responsible for paying higher price for Caribjet wet lease despite the fact that better aircrafts were available on wet lease at a lower price;

(b) whether Government have ordered enquiry into Caribjet wet lease decision made by the Board of Air India; and

(c) if so, the details of points to be enquired into and action proposed against the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Allegations about certain aspects of the said wet-lease arrangement of Air India are under verification by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

X-ray Machine not provided at Imphal Airport

1897. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no X-ray Machine is provided by the AAI authority to the Imphal Airport for registered baggage checking till date;

(b) whether it is also a fact that delay of flight departure is caused by individual passengers' baggage checking conducted at check-in-counter; and

(c) if so, by when the machine will be provided?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the absence of X-ray machine the baggage is checked manually, keeping in view the security instructions.

(c) There is no space in the existing terminal for installation of X-ray machine. This will be installed when the new terminal building is commissioned in March, 1999.

Authorisation of A Local Chemist Shop for Procuring Medicines

1898. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to authorise a local chemist shop in near proximity of the C.G.H.S. dispensary, for procurement of medicines not available with the dispensary;

(b) whether patients attached to the C.G.H.S. Dispensary No. 77 Mayur Vihar Delhi are requested to get such medicines from Krishna Nagar, Delhi situated more than 10 kms. from the Dispensary;

(c) the reasons for selecting Krishna Nagar store for procurement of such medicines;

(d) the steps being taken to authorise a local chemist shop in the above area to meet the requirement in case of exigencies and otherwise; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) For the convenience of the beneficiaries, CGHS appoints local chemists conveniently located from the dispensaries, as well as maintaining prescribed standards, for timely supply of medicines not available at the dispensary.

(b) The patients are normally not required to get the medicines from the local chemists. The concerned dispensary indents the medicines, not available in the dispensary from the designated local chemist and supplies it to the patients. It is only incase of emergency, if the beneficiary so desires, he can get the medicine directly from the designated local chemist.

(c) to (e) According to Govt.'s norms for selecting local chemists, none specifically of the Mayur Vihar area were found suitable. Hence, the CGHS dispensary at Mayur Vihar has been linked with the nearest conveniently situated local chemist at Krishna Nagar.